

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 23, 2005. Claim 13, the only independent claim, and Claim 14, have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and will not be mentioned further. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-16 were rejected solely for obviousness-type double patenting, over Claims 1, 2 and 4 of U.S. Patent 6,707,880 B2 (Yamayoshi) in view of U.S. Patent 5,313,241 (Seim).

Independent Claim 13 is directed to an image sensing system that comprises a plurality of sensor units, each of which is adapted for converting a radiation ray into an electrical signal, and at least one selection unit, according to a user input to select a selected sensor unit from said plurality of sensor units, for sending a signal assigning the selected sensor unit. Also provided are a control unit for monitoring the signal assigning the selected sensor unit; and lamps for indicating a state of that sensor unit. According to Claim 13, the control unit sends a command to the selected sensor unit to set the selected sensor unit in a ready state and a command to each other sensor unit to cause those other sensor units each to set itself in a sleep state, and each of the lamps blinks during a transition in to the ready state and keeps lighting after being in the ready state.

Among other notable features of a sensing system according to Claim 13, is the presence of lamps for indicating a state of the sensor unit, and the control unit sending a command to a selected sensor unit to set that sensor unit in a ready state and a command to each other sensor unit to cause the latter to set themselves in a sleep state, where each of

the lamps blinks during a transition into the ready state and keeps lighting after being in the ready state.

As is correctly stated in the Office Action, the mentioned claims of *Yamayoshi '880* do not recite lamps for indicating the state of sensors, for which feature the Office Action cites *Seim*. In addition, Applicant notes that Claims 1, 2 and 4 of *Yamayoshi '880* also do not recite such lamps each blinking during a transition in to the ready state and keeps lighting after being in the ready state.

In addition, even if *Seim* is deemed to show all that it is cited for, Applicant submits that nothing has been found in that patent that would teach or suggest causing lamps each to blink during a transition into the ready state and to keep lighting after being in the ready state. For at least that reason, Claim 13 is believed to be allowable over the claims of *Yamayoshi '880* in view of *Seim* taken in any permissible combination (if any).

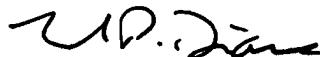
A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a basis for rejection of independent Claim 13, and that claim is therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from Claim 13, and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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